

PLATTSBURGH AIR FORCE BASE,
SMALL ARMS RANGE SYSTEM
(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 3427)
Off Perimeter Road, in the Firearms Training Area
Plattsburgh
Clinton County
New York

HAER No. NY-326-CT

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD

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U.S. Custom House
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Location: Off Perimeter Road, In the Firearms Training Area, Plattsburgh,
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UTM: 18.620720.4946180
Quad: Plattsburgh, NY-VT, 1:24,000 (1966)

Date of Construction: 1989

Architect/Engineer: Unknown

Present Owner: United States Air Force

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: Building No. 3427 provided space for small arms and rifle firing range.

Project Information: Building No. 3427 at Plattsburgh Air Force Base (AFB) is being documented in accordance with HAER standards to mitigate for the potential adverse effects of transferring deed of title to the property from federal ownership. The property transfer is a result of the disposal and reuse of Plattsburgh AFB, pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1993. The mitigation is a stipulation of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) among the U.S. Air Force, the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (October 2000).

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Summary Description of Small Arms Range System (Building No. 3427)

Layout

Building No. 3427 is a one-story, three-sided shed-type structure having a rectangular plan. It has metal roofing and metal siding. The floor of the shed is sloped upward to a small earthen berm that extends across the open front façade. Beyond this berm, to the southeast, is a larger earthen berm where the range's target area is centered. Above the shed's front elevation is a metal-frame target support. The target support, which extends from the shed to the target area, has four layers of heavy metal baffles to prevent stray bullets from injuring personnel. This support was used to retrieve and position targets.

Alterations/Additions

There have been no additions or alterations to Building No. 3427.

Function

Building No. 3427 was designed, constructed and used to support small weapons usage proficiency by military personnel.

Significance

Small arms were an essential part of the weapons program at all Strategic Air Command Cold War-era installations. Because Building No. 3427 allowed military personnel to maintain a proficiency status in the use of their side arms and other smaller weaponry, it played a role important to the Plattsburgh AFB mission.

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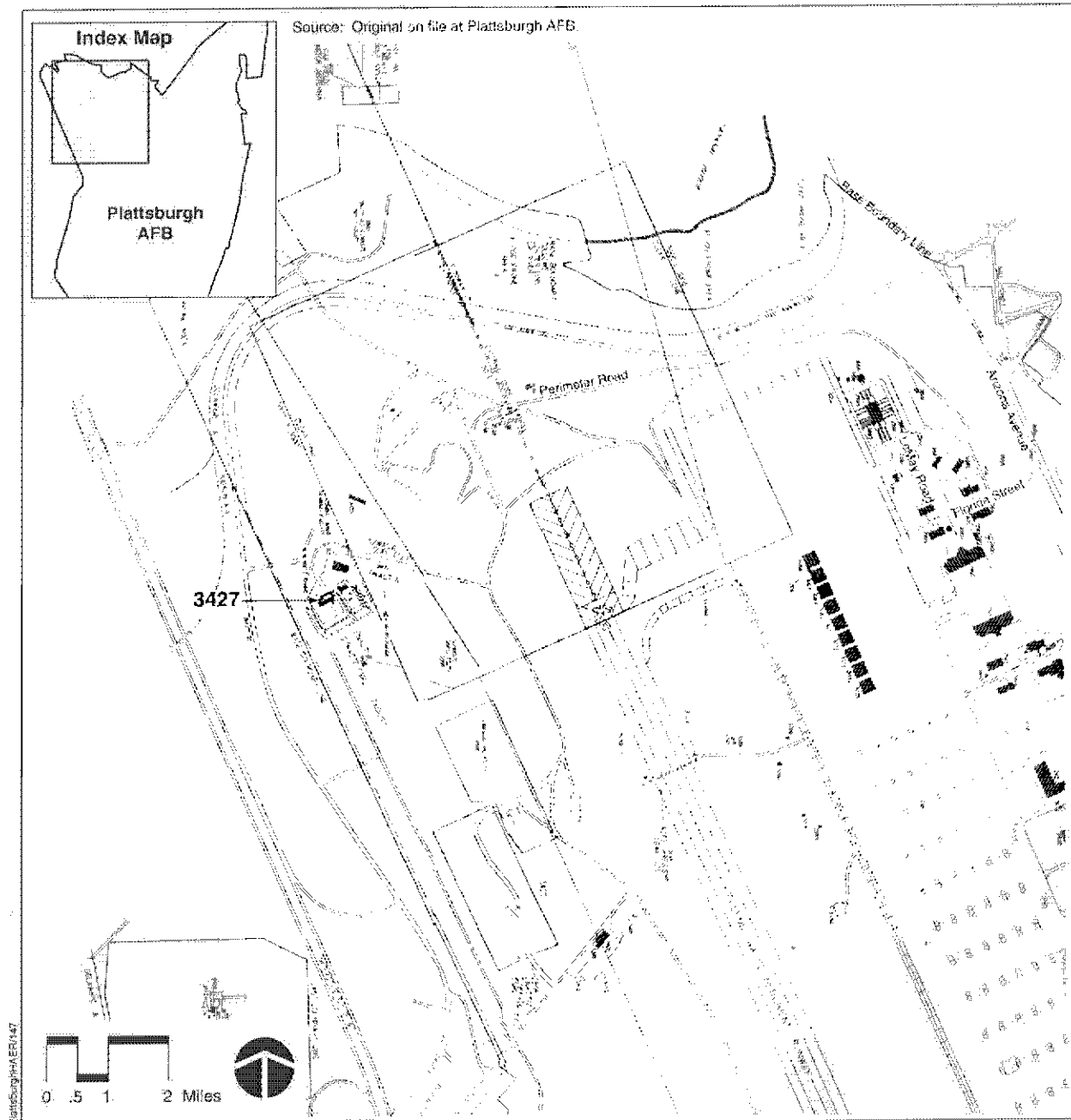
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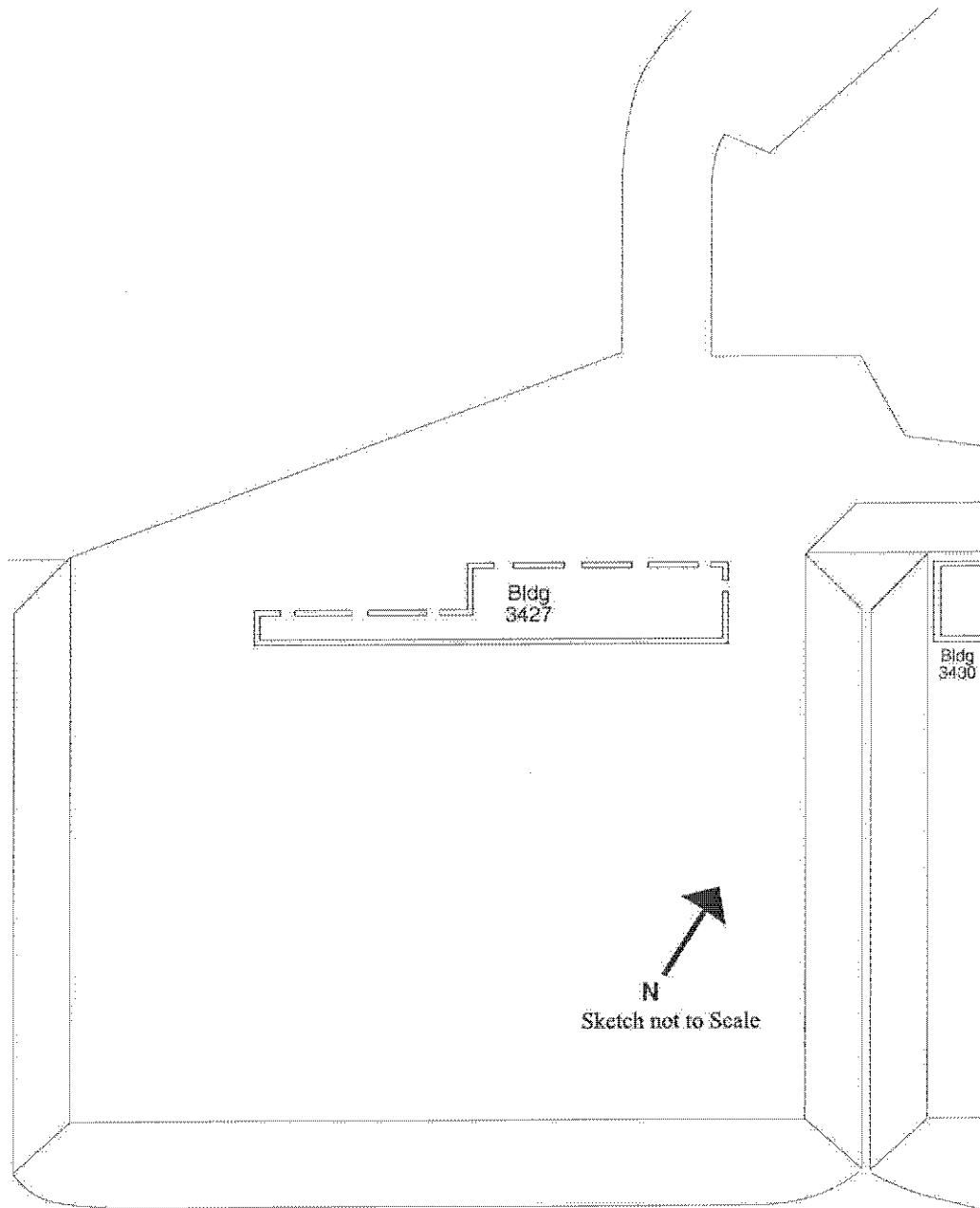
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SKETCH PLAN – SMALL ARMS RANGE SYSTEM BUILDING
(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 3427)
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